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December 3, 2015

David Avery P.O. Box 70 East Carbon, Utah 84520

Subject: Grassy Trail Creek, C/007/0041, Task ID #5015

Dear Mr. Avery:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining received your letter on October 8, 2015 in which you expressed concern that the integrity of Grassy Trail Creek may have been impacted by underground mining activity. Based upon my conversation with you and Mike Marquez on November 18, 2015, I have a better understanding of the scope and approximate area where the impacts to the drainage may have occurred.

As we discussed during my visit, I will research the extent of the mining activity that occurred at the Sunnyside Mine by locating historical records and mine maps. Additionally, we discussed that in the late winter months/early spring when the Grassy Trail Reservoir spillway is opened, I will attempt to more accurately locate the reach of losing stream where mining impacts may have occurred. I will touch bases with you in that time-frame in order to better ascertain when that discharge will happen.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5350.

Sincerely,

Steve Christensen Permit Supervisor

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